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October 29, 1979

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Carter:

Enclosed you will find 26 letters from Argentina mailed to me for delivery to you. The letters are addressed to you from many families of the disappeared in that country.

Mr. Carter, these letters are duplicates of a group of some 200 letters given to me while in Buenos Aires last year and hand delivered to our embassy there. I gave the letters to Tex Harris, the then human rights officer at the embassy. He then put them into a diplomatic pouch for delivery to you.

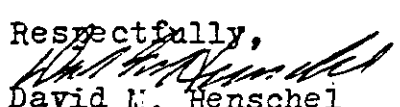
I had requested that the families of the disappeared rewrite their letters, deliver them to me, and I would send them on to you. The enclosed represent the first major batch of letters, hopefully I will receive more in the near future which will be sent on to you again.

Each document, letter and envelope has been carefully copied and I am holding them for future use.

Please try to do something. As the President of the United States you have certain persuasive powers that go far beyond what the public is aware of. I cannot tell you what it was like to meet the families of these unfortunate disappeared persons, mostly young middle class people.

After requesting the letters and receiving them, I cannot tell you the emotional strain it has placed upon me. I feel an absolute obligation to those who have sent me the letters as well as others there to help all I can. I shall continue to assist them any way I can for as long as they need help. I hope you can do something as well.

Thanks for your assistance. Its great to know you are a strong supporter of universal human rights.

Respectfully,  
  
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